

Holidays in the Smokies May 3 - 6, 2017

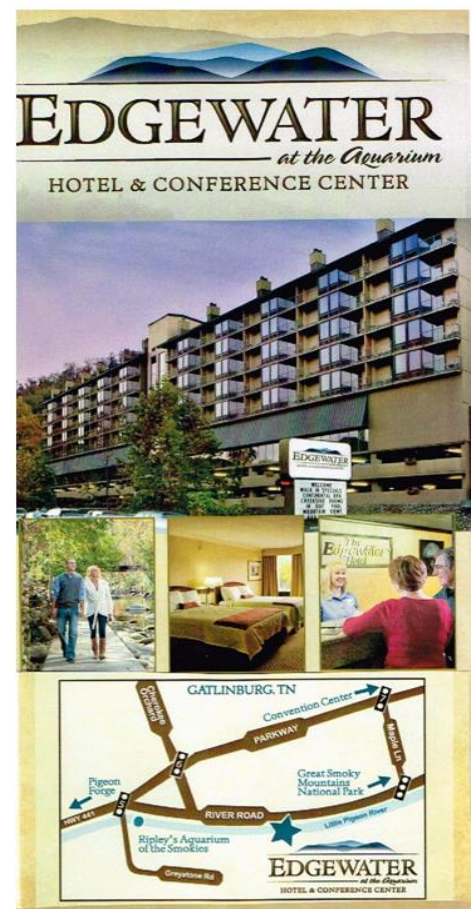


2017 M&M'S® Collectors Club Convention News EDGEWATER *at the Aquarium* HOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTER

Come join us in celebrating "Holidays in the Smokies" as plans for the 2017 M&M'S® Collectors Club Convention in Gatlinburg Tennessee are in full swing! As we have reported earlier our hotel was not damaged in the destructive fire near Gatlinburg and downtown Gatlinburg is okay and they are waiting for our arrival!!

Reservations are now being taken for our Convention at the Edgewater Hotel in Gatlinburg, TN. Hotel phone number is: 1-800-423-9582 – mention that you are with the M&M'S® Collectors Club to get our special room rate of \$92.00 per night plus tax. The hotel will honor the \$92.00 rate for the days before and after the convention for anyone wanting to take an extended stay and enjoy all that the Gatlinburg/Pigeon Forge TN area has to offer. **Reservations must be made by April 3, 2017.** This rate includes a continental breakfast (waffles, eggs, cereal and the fare of the day) between 7AM and 10AM. There is Free Wi-Fi, stay connected during your stay with complimentary Wi-Fi throughout the hotel. Plus Hair dryers, microfridges, and coffee makers in each room. Your reservation provides you with one parking spot and all hotel amenities.

The convention is scheduled to start with early bird registration on May 3rd. Then three festive and fun holidays were selected for the following three nights beginning with Americana on Thursday, Halloween on Friday and Christmas on Saturday! Our banquet will end the convention on Saturday evening of May 6th. There are a lot of fun activities being planned for each holiday.





THURSDAY: Join us for our Americana Night celebrating 4th of July fun. We will be having a "Cookie Contest" Bring your favorite homemade cookie or snack (using M&M'S® Brand Milk Chocolate Candies of Course) to win bragging rights for the Sweetest Baker! ****Be sure to bring your bake goods and snacks to share!****



FRIDAY: We will be having a howling good time, while we celebrate Halloween. We will be having a costume contest, pizza party, and games. ******Be sure to bring your costumes to wear!******

SATURDAY: HO HO HO! Celebrate Christmas at the Banquet and the arrival of Jolly old St. Nick and his Elf!!



AND OF COURSE, AS ALWAYS, ROOM HOPPING ALL DAY, EVERYDAY, TO FIND THOSE SPECIAL ITEMS YOU ARE MISSING FOR YOUR COLLECTION THAT OTHER MEMBERS ARE WILLING TO SELL OR TRADE!!



CONVENTION REMINDERS

- This is the one and only club sanctioned and authorized convention for 2017.
- As in the past you must be a current member of the club in good standing and registered to attend the convention activities.
- One Convention Registration Packet is required per family. This will cover your whole family. You may obtain additional packets for attending family members if you wish.
- The Activity Registration is required for each member of your family that will attend the convention activities. This will cover entrance to all convention-sponsored activities.
- **Important Dates to Remember:** Convention Shirt must be ordered by **March 24, 2017**
Hotel Reservations must be made by **April 3, 2017**
Convention Registration must be made by **April 15, 2017**

Entertainment, Sightseeing, and Places to Visit!

For those who have never been to Gatlinburg, there are many, many things to do and see! In addition, neighboring Pigeon Forge and Sevierville also have many attractions including Dollywood Amusement Park, shows, collectible shops, antique stores, and a flea market!! So come join us in the Great Smokey Mountains of Tennessee!

Flying? If flying into McGhee Airport there are car rental agents there. Also there is a list of taxi companies at <http://flyknoxville.com/taxis-limousines/>. The airport website is <http://flyknoxville.com/>.

We suggest that if you are flying to try and coordinate your flight with other members. The more people in the cab, the less it would cost. Rose checked with one cab company and it was \$90 one way.

Trolley: Once you are in Gatlinburg there is a trolley that runs during the day from Gatlinburg to Pigeon Forge and also to the craft route through the state park for a flat fee of \$2.00 per day with that and with the fact that the town is walkable if you are there without a car it is still very easy to get around.

Rose Hudson and Jill Flynn are co-chairing the convention and are planning a lot of fun activities!! **We look forward to seeing you and having you enjoy the events we have planned!**

If you have any questions about the convention, please contact:

Jill Flynn at secada27@verizon.net or Rose Hudson at HP1942@PTD.NET

We hope you make your reservations and plan to attend!!

Convention Memorable & Mystical Chest

Created by Libby Dixon

This *M&M* Chest will come to each convention. The contents will remain a secret until the convention, where they will be auctioned off. Last year was the real first time for this and it seemed to be well liked. As the years go on, we hope this will become an activity that all conventioners will look forward to!!!

Donations for the *M&M* Chest need to follow these criteria:

1. Money is not the object of the game. The uniqueness of the object and the value to a collector is the object.
2. All items need to be run by Libby Dixon. If you have any questions or have something to donate, email me with your suggestion (elizabethdixon@cox.net). I may already have the same item or it may be used in next year's box.
3. Depending on the uniqueness, number, and size items donated, I will make the decision of which items and how many will be placed in the box. This way no one will know exactly what is in the box when it is raffled off..
4. Please try to keep the size of the items manageable. You can either get the item to me or have the item delivered to the convention.



**M&M'S® COLLECTORS CLUB
19TH ANNUAL CONVENTION
Gatlinburg, TN May 3 - 6, 2017**

Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Phone _____ Email _____

You must be a 2017 member of the M&M'S® COLLECTORS CLUB to participate in the convention.

	Quantity		Each	TOTAL
Convention Registration Packet (1 required per family)		x	\$25	
Adult Activity Registration (per adult attendee): Includes all Club Activities, Banquet & Gifts		x	\$60	
Child Activity Registration (per child): Includes all Club Activities and Banquet (no banquet gift)		x	\$35	
Late Fee per packet (after April 15, 2017)		x	\$20	
Convention Shirt - Must order by March 24, 2017		x	\$18	
Shirt Shipping w/in US <i>(only if not attending)</i> Email for shipping rates outside US		x	\$8	
TOTAL Enclosed				

Make checks payable to: M&M'S® COLLECTORS CLUB

(If no email, please enclose large self-addressed, stamped envelope for confirmation return)

Will you be selling items? _____ Yes _____ No

Name Badges:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Convention Shirt Size/Quantity

Small _____ Med _____
 Large _____ X Large _____
 2XL _____ 3XL _____

Anyone needing a shirt size not mentioned above,
 contact Rose Hudson.

CONVENTION QUESTIONS - EMAIL OR CALL Rose Hudson OR Dennis Hudson, Convention Treasurer
HP1942@PTD.NET - 570-421-6663 or Jill Flynn secada27@verizon.net - 570-647-8250

Send registration form and payment to:

Carolyn McAlarney
 13208 W. 105th Terrace
 Overland Park, KS 66215

email: Pprincess@aol.com
 Phone: (913) 541-9988

Since Membership Renewals & Convention Registration forms go to the same person this year, to save postage, you can send the forms together with 1 check (or send separately if you prefer).